

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C.

ORDER NO. 2701

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served May 1, 1985

Application of SUGGS TRANSPORTATION)
SERVICE, INC., for Special Authori-)
zation to Conduct Charter Opera-)
tions Pursuant to Contract with)
U.S. Department of Agriculture--ERS)

Case No. CP-85-02

By application filed April 26, 1985, Suggs Transportation Service, Inc. ("Suggs" or "applicant"), seeks authority pursuant to WMATC Special Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 1 to transport employees of the United States Department of Agriculture, Economic Research Service ("USDA"), together with mail in the same vehicle as employees, in charter operations pursuant to contract with USDA, between 1301 New York Avenue, N.W. ("ERS"), 14th Street and Independence Avenue, S.W. ("South"), and 500 - 12th Street, S.W. ("GHI"), Washington, D.C.

By its terms the contract extends from May 20, 1985, through September 30, 1986, 1/ and requires shuttle service scheduled on an hourly basis commencing 8:30 a.m. and terminating approximately 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding federal holidays. For the period May 20, 1985, through August 23, 1985, the contract requires regularly scheduled shuttle service between ERS, GHI, and South. For the period August 26, 1985, through September 30, 1986, the contract requires regularly scheduled shuttle service between ERS and South. The contract is for a fixed price of \$2,800 per month for service provided during fiscal year 1985 and \$2,895 per month for service provided in fiscal year 1986.

The service will be provided using a van having a manufacturer's designed seating capacity of 15 passengers including the driver. Applicant is experienced in providing employee shuttle transportation. Suggs has stated that it is familiar with the Compact and the Commission's rules and regulations and will comply therewith, that applicant has not been found unfit by any regulatory agency, and that it is not under any fitness investigation.

Applicant's balance sheet, dated December 31, 1984, indicates current assets of \$365,170, plus fixed and other assets of \$244,841 and prepaid expenses of \$38,841. Current liabilities are listed at

1/ The initial contract period extends from May 20, 1985, to September 30, 1985. Simultaneous with execution of that contract, USDA exercised its option to extend the performance period through September 30, 1986, incorporating that extension into the contract pursuant to which applicant seeks authority to operate.

\$239,551; long-term and other liabilities at \$60,370. Owners' equity is listed at \$348,925. Applicant projects revenues of \$35,284 from service provided under the contract with concomitant expenses of \$32,123, for an operating ratio of 91.0 percent.

Barbara J. Hansen, contracting officer with the procurement section of USDA, submitted a notarized letter in support of the application stating that since the proposed service had not been rendered previously, it is difficult to estimate the number of persons who will be transported. However, USDA requires a vehicle that will seat 12 persons comfortably. The letter further states that, based on competitive procurement procedures and recommendations from other agencies which have shuttle service contracts with applicant, USDA is satisfied that applicant is highly qualified to perform the proposed service properly.

Inasmuch as a contract has been executed for the transportation of employees pursuant to contract with their employer between points within the Metropolitan District for a period in excess of 181 days, the application appears amenable to processing under Commission Regulation No. 70. 2/ Consequently, notice of this application must be published and opportunity given for the filing of protests. Protests, if any, must be written, sworn, and notarized, and must contain all evidence and argument upon which the protestant would rely.

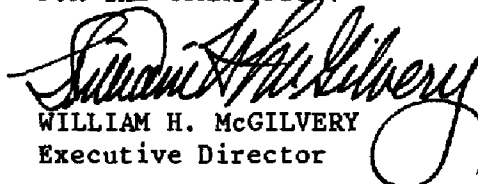
THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That Suggs Transportation Service, Inc., publish once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Metropolitan District notice of this application in the form prescribed by the staff of the Commission no later than Sunday, May 5, 1985.

2. That applicant shall file an affidavit of such publication with the Commission no later than Wednesday, May 15, 1985.

3. That any person desiring to protest this application shall file a notarized protest in conformance with Commission Regulation No. 70-06 at the office of the Commission, Suite 316, 1625 I Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006, no later than Wednesday, May 15, 1985, and shall simultaneously serve a copy of such protest on applicant, Harold Suggs, President, Suggs Transportation Service, Inc., 9015 Woodyard Road, Suite 207, Clinton, Md. 20735.

FOR THE COMMISSION:


WILLIAM H. MCGILVERY
Executive Director

2/ See Order No. 2004, served June 20, 1979.